

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

Claims 1-19 were pending. With this amendment, Applicants amended claims 1, 5, 8, 14 and 17. These amendments do not add any new matter and are supported by the specification as originally filed. Accordingly, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

II. Claim Rejections

A. 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,850,426 to Watkins, et al. ("Watkins") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,416,833 to Harper, et al. ("Harper") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,875,242 to Glaser, et al. ("Glaser").

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references fail to teach or suggest all of the limitations of claims 1, 8 and 14, as amended, and the claims dependent thereon. Specifically, the references do not teach or suggest:

"a platform that supports a control interface and a different user interface formatted uniquely for each of the plurality of disparate telecommunication systems, said platform enabling formatting and transfer of appropriate data unique to each of said plurality of disparate telecommunication systems from the control interface by identifying each of the plurality of disparate telecommunication systems and the different user interface corresponding to each of the plurality of disparate telecommunication systems, and enabling monitoring of a user of the control interface, wherein said control interface enables testing, trouble-shooting and billing of the plurality of disparate telecommunication systems;

a network analysis component coupled to the control interface, the network analysis component performing testing of the plurality of disparate telecommunication systems wherein appropriate data is uniquely formatted and

transferred between the network analysis component and the different user interface corresponding to each of the plurality of disparate telecommunication systems; and
an application component provided by the control interface enabling the monitored user of the control interface to search for a circuit, edit information associated with the circuit, test the circuit and manage maintenance tickets associated with the circuit.”

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The dependent claims of the present application contain additional features that further substantially distinguish the invention of the present application over the prior art of record. Given the Applicants’ position on the patentability of the independent claims, however, it is not deemed necessary at this point to delineate such distinctions.

III. Conclusion

For at least all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections, and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully solicited. To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants’ undersigned representative to discuss any issues relating to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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